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SUBJECT: REOPENING OF LANL LANDS FOR RECREATIONAL USE

Due to a recent decrease in wildland fire danger level, LANL open spaces will reopen for recreational use (hiking, bicycling, jogging, walking, and similar types of activities) effective Monday, July 15, 2002.

All work related restrictions stated in Alert 0001, dated March 5, 2002, and All Employees Memo, AD-Ops:02-053 dated May 20, 2002, and the attached matrix will remain in effect until the present fire danger is reduced to an acceptable level.

Current work restrictions include all requirements stated in Alert 0001, All Employee Memo AD-Ops:02-053 and the attached matrix, and;

- Off-road vehicle usage is limited to activities essential/critical to LANL operations, ES&H/regulatory essential activities, and fuel mitigation efforts only. All other vehicles and activities must be carried out from improved roads (asphalt, concrete, and/or gravel or base-course surfaces). Deployment of multiple off-road vehicles is not acceptable when crews can carpool in one vehicle to the work site. Many off-road activities do not necessitate off-road vehicle use, vehicles can be parked in a safe location and crews can walk to the work site.
- Spark and flame producing operations performed outdoors require LANL Fire Marshal or designated representative review and signature/approval on Form 1563 of LIR 402-840-01, in addition to listed controls contained in Alert 0001.
- Smoking is prohibited in all Laboratory areas except designated smoking areas per AM-626 "Smoking".
- Following approved work conducted within Laboratory undeveloped/wildland areas, person(s) conducting the activity shall be responsible for ensuring that the operation has not caused a fire or hot spot. A check of the work area(s) must be conducted at least 30 minutes following cessation of the operation.

We urge all employees to use extreme caution when in open areas whether working or engaging in recreational activities, as we are still experiencing very high and extreme fire danger levels this fire season.